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SUBJECT: SOGHOIAN CASE

PRETORIA FOR AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI

1. MARSHALL SOGHOIAN TODAY PLEADED GUILTY TO MISDEMEANOR CHARGE UNDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE OF ATTEMPTING TO POSSESS SURREPTITIOUS LISTENING DEVICE. THOUGH MAXIMUM SENTENCE POSSIBLE IN THIS CASE IS ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT AND DOLS 1,000 FINE, U.S. ATTORNEY INDICATED IN PRIVATE CONFERENCE IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THAT USG NOT SEEKING PRISON SENTENCE. SENTENCING IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THIRTY DAYS.

2. NEITHER DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANS PRESS STATEMENT. IF QUESTIONS ARISE, THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. GUILTY PLEA TOOK PLACE IN OPEN COURT WITHOUT MENTION OF ZAMBIA OR ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS. NO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT.

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3. DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED ZAMBIAN CHARGE HERE. SEPTTEL

FOLLOWS WITH BACKGROUND AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW EMBASSY
SHOULD ADVISE GRZ. KISSINGER

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